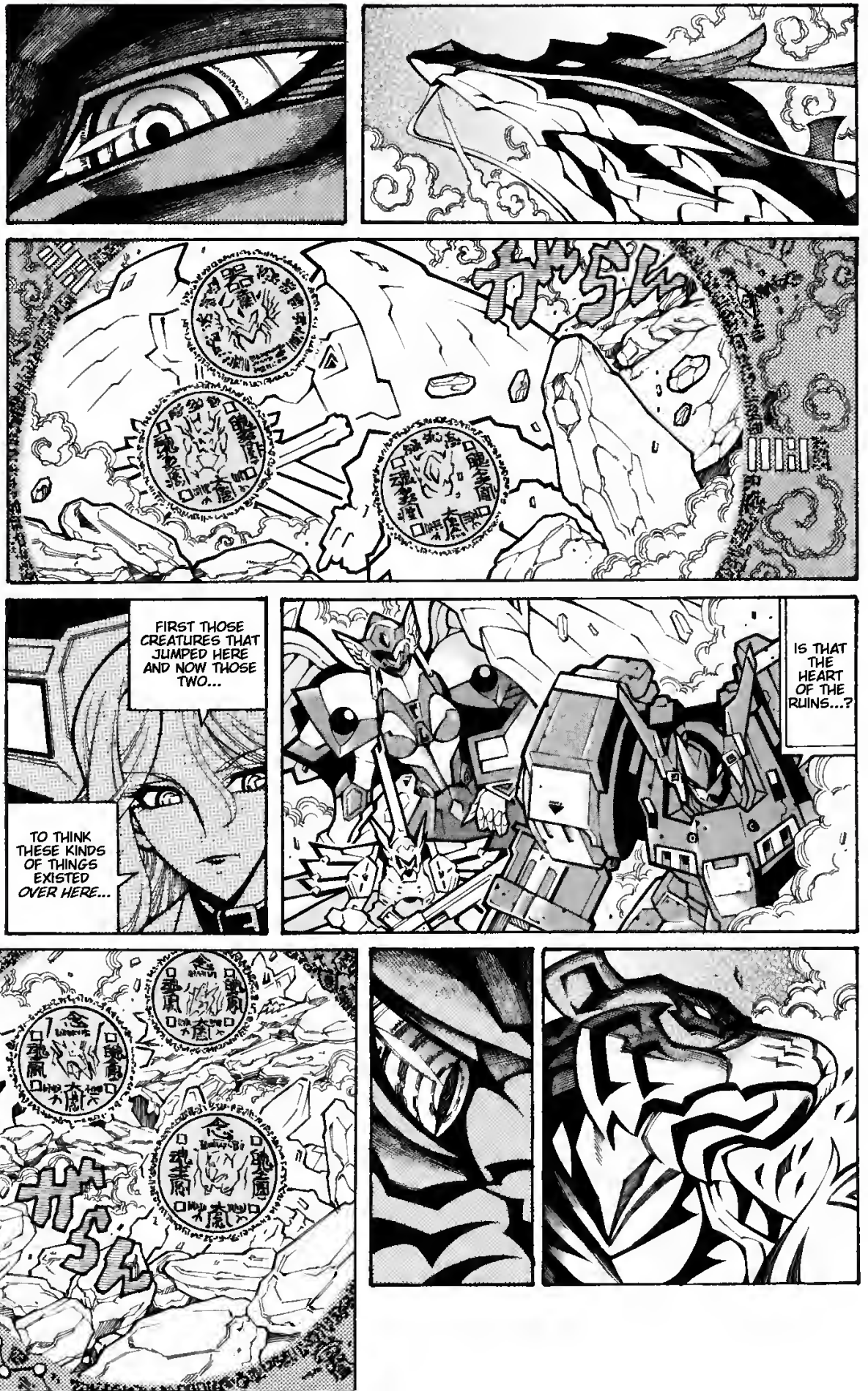
FIRST THOSE CREATURES THAT JUMPED HERE AND NOW THOSE TWO...
TO THINK THESE KINDS OF THINGS EXISTED OVER HERE...
IS THAT THE HEART OF THE RUINS...?

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AND A DRAGON ....?
A TIGER ...
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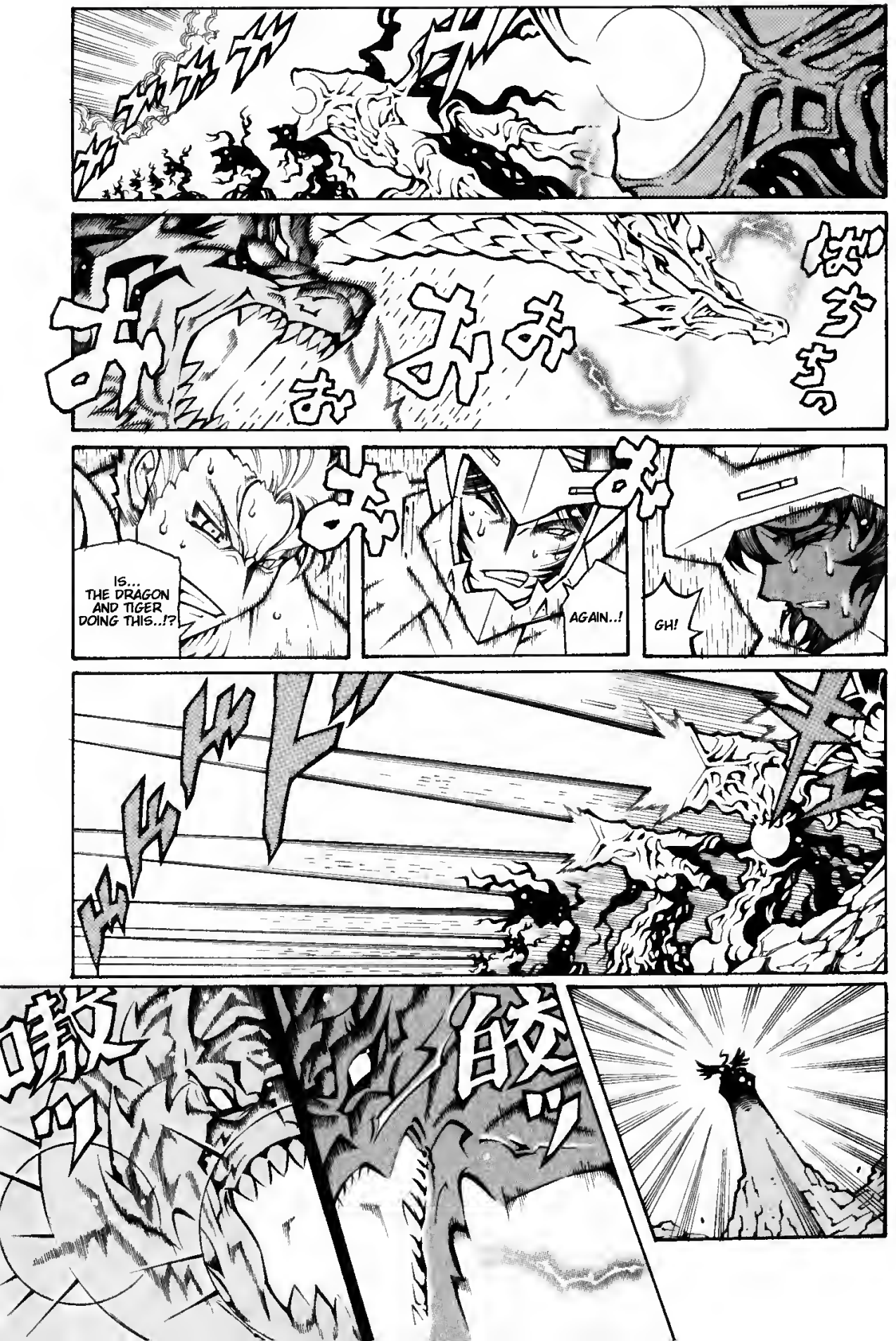
IS... THE DRAGON AND TIGER DOING THIS..!?
AGAIN..!
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HAHAHAHA!! THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
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NOW CAPTURE THEM!
THE OLD LEGENDS WERE TRUE!!
THOSE ARE THE CHOU-KIJIN!
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WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE, CARLA!
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ANSWER ME!!
ARE YOU...?
JUST WHO THE HELL...
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IT WAS LAUGH-ING...?

SOUTH PACIFIC - AIDONEUS ISLAND BLOCKADE AREA
CAPTAIN DAITETSU, IT SEEMS THE SALVAGING OF DUST-45 IS FINISHED.
2ND SPACE NOAH CLASS SHIP, HAGANE.
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TELL YOU WHAT HE NEEDED THAT PIECE FOR, CAPTAIN?
DID THE DR. KOBAYASHI OF THE SRX PROJECT...
TELL THE CREW TO PREPAIR TO BRING IT ABOARD.
AFTER WE'VE SECURED IT WE'LL BRING IT AS IS TO IZU BASE.
THAT IS A FRAGMENT OF THE WHITE DEATH CROSS, ISN'T IT?
OUT OF THE FRAGMENTS OF AGX-14, THIS IS THE BIGGEST ONE WE'VE PULLED UP YET...

FOR NOW ME MUST HURRY ...
AND GET THEM TO IZU BASE.
BUT THE PIECES OF METEOR 3 THAT CRASHED TO EARTH IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN JUST BE LEFT LYING AROUND...
NO...
FAR EAST - SEAS NEAR TSUSHIMA STRAIT.
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A VOICE?
1ST SPACE NOAH CLASS SHIP, SHIROGANE.
SO ONLY EXCELLEN AND I COULD HEAR THAT VOICE...
HM...
WHETHER THEY CAN COMMUNICATE AT ALL IS MYSTERY YET TO BE SOLVED.
BESIDES, THOSE UNKNOWN ...
THERE WASN'T NOTHING IN THE AUDIO LOGS NEITHER, DUDES.
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING...
FROM THOSE PLANT THINGS?

NOT SURPRISING, I GUESS, SINCE WE TOOK THE T-LINK SUITABILITY TEST AGES AGO AND DIDN'T PASS IT...
WELL, IF BULLET COULDN'T HEAR IT...
THEN THAT MEANS IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE T-LINK SYSTEM, RIGHT?
I AM MORE INTERESTED IN THAT BLUE DRAGON AND WHITE TIGER...
I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT BUT... THEY HAD A PECULIAR PRESENCE...
ARE YOU SAYING THEY WERE OF A DIFFERENT KIND THAN THE PLANT BEINGS...?
THE ONLY SIMILARITY WOULD BE THAT THEY ALL HAD A FEEL OF "LIVING THINGS"...
GATER?
AERO...
ALSO, THEY DIDN'T SEEM LIKE AEROGATER MACHINES...
THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY ENEMIES...
HO HO HO HO HO.
I WAS IN AN OUT OF REACH PLACE THAT TIME...
AAH, THAT'S RIGHT...
I THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED IT IN HIS SPEECH...?
HUH? DIDN'T THEY RELEASE THE NAME TO THE PUBLIC...?
THE NAME OF THE ALIENS IN THE LS CAMPAIGN...

OH, WE'RE HEADED FOR IZU?
YEAH, FOR RE-SUPPLYING AND SHIP REPAIRS.
ANYWAY, NOW IS TIME FOR WORK.
BE SURE TO HAVE FINISHED THE MAINTENANCE ON EACH UNIT BEFORE WE REACH IZU BASE.
I'M SURE ONCE THE RESEARCH TEAMS HAVE FINISHED THEIR ANALYSIS THE INFORMATION WILL REACH US SOONER OR LATER...
YES?
LAMIA.
THEY SURE ARE BIG, AREN'T THEY?
THERE STILL AREN'T THAT MANY DOCKS THAT CAN HANDLE A SPACE NOAH CLASS SHIP.
HOW DID YOU...
KNOW THAT IT WAS A SPATIAL TRANSFER READING?
SURE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE DATA NOW YOU CAN CONFIRM A MINUTE ESW READING...
BUT IT IS OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT FROM THE READINGS ONE GETS AFTER A SPATIAL TRANSFER LIKE THE ONES THE AEROGATERS USED.
YOU SAID "SPATIAL TRANSFER"...
DURING THE LAST BATTLE, RIGHT BEFORE THE PLANT THINGS APPEARED...
IT WAS JUST...
INTUITION...

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STEP
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NOW FARE THEE WELL.
PARDON ME FOR SAYING SOMETHING SO DAMN UNCERTAIN.
FAR EAST - KII PENINSULA WATERS
IN THE END, WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET AHOLD OF THOSE "CHOUKIJIN" OR WHAT YOU CALLED THEM...
FOR CONSPIRING IN SECRET YOU REALLY NEED A SUBMARINE...
THOUGH THE STORK WAS GOOD TOO.
BUT THEY ALSO GOT US A SUB-MARINE?
OH MY, NOT ONLY DO WE GET NEW SUPPLIES ...
WELL, IT'S LIKE HOW YOU SEND A THIEF TO CATCH A THIEF.
IT'S ALRIGHT, I'VE PULLED SOME STRINGS ...
STRINGS ?
I WOULD HAVE WANTED TO CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY AWOKE... OH WELL...
WELL WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE IN THAT SITUATION...

EXCUSE ME.
AH, DR. SERO, NICE TIMING.
YUUKI, WITH THIS RESUPPLY WE ALSO RECIEVED SOME NEW PERSONNEL.
I WAS GOING TO SEND THE PERSONNEL DR. SERO BROUGHT TO YOU AND...
YOUR SQUAD HAS RECENTLY GOTTEN A FEW VACANCIES, YES?
HUH...?
I AM SGT. SEOLLA SCHWEIZER!
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
I'M ARADO BALANGA ...
SAME AS ON THE LEFT ...
HEY ARADO!! WHAT'S WITH THAT TONE!?
AND STAND AT ATTENTION FOR GOODNESS SAKE!
DR. SERO, I READ THE SPEC DATA ...
BUT I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT THESE KIDS...

I SEE... SCHOOL...
YOU WERE PART OF THE FEDERATION'S FORMER SPECIAL TEST PROGRAM FOR PILOTS...?
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WE MAY NOT HAVE ANY ACTUAL FIGHTING EXPERIENCE BUT WE HAVE RECIEVED MORE THAN ENOUGH TRAINING!
BUT ARADO AND I COME FROM THE "SCHOOL"!
PARDON ME, MAJOR ARCHIBALD...
SPECI-FICATIONS!? WE AREN'T ...!!
THEIR "SPECIFICATIONS" SHOULD BE WELL MATCHED WITH OUR NEXT MISSION.
YUUKI, I WILL HAVE YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM.
THEN I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR YOUNG AGE...
LET'S GO, YOU TWO!
I UNDER-STAND!
YES...
WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS SHUT DOWN, I AND A FEW OTHER STAFFERS ...
BECAUSE THEY WERE FIDDLED WITH TOO MUCH...
I HAD HEARD MOST OF THE LAB SPECIMENS FROM THE SCHOOL HAD DIED...?
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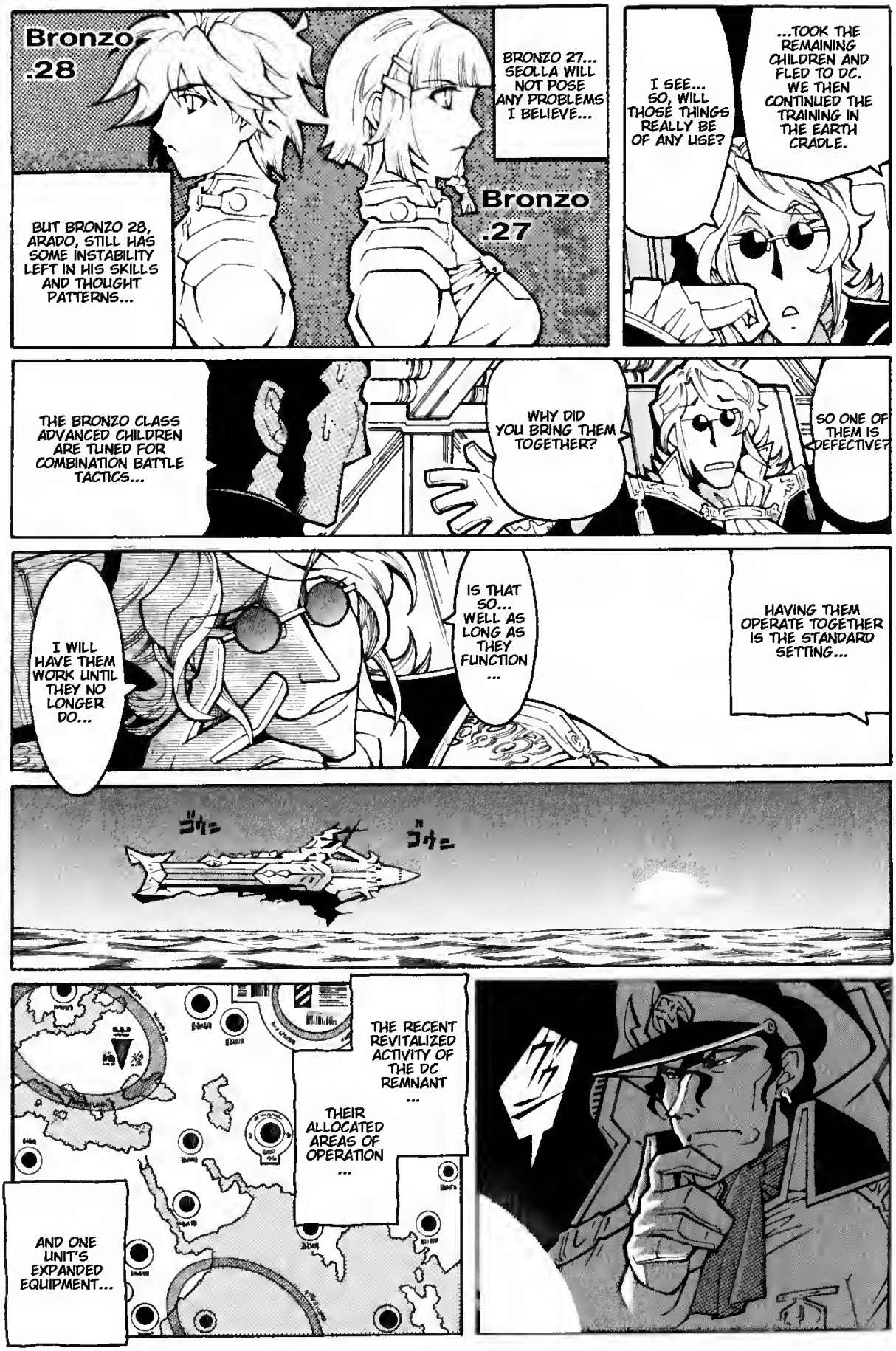
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BRONZO 27... SEOLLA WILL NOT POSE ANY PROBLEMS I BELIEVE...
BUT BRONZO 28, ARADO, STILL HAS SOME INSTABILITY LEFT IN HIS SKILLS AND THOUGHT PATTERNS...
I SEE... SO, WILL THOSE THINGS REALLY BE OF ANY USE?
...TOOK THE REMAINING CHILDREN AND FLED TO DC. WE THEN CONTINUED THE TRAINING IN THE EARTH CRADLE.
THE BRONZO CLASS ADVANCED CHILDREN ARE TUNED FOR COMBINATION BATTLE TACTICS...
WHY DID YOU BRING THEM TOGETHER?
SO ONE OF THEM IS DEFECTIVE?
I WILL HAVE THEM WORK UNTIL THEY NO LONGER DO...
IS THAT SO... WELL AS LONG AS THEY FUNCTION ...
HAVING THEM OPERATE TOGETHER IS THE STANDARD SETTING...
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AND ONE UNIT'S EXPANDED EQUIPMENT...
THEIR ALLOCATED AREAS OF OPERATION ...
THE RECENT REVITALIZED ACTIVITY OF THE DC REMNANT ...
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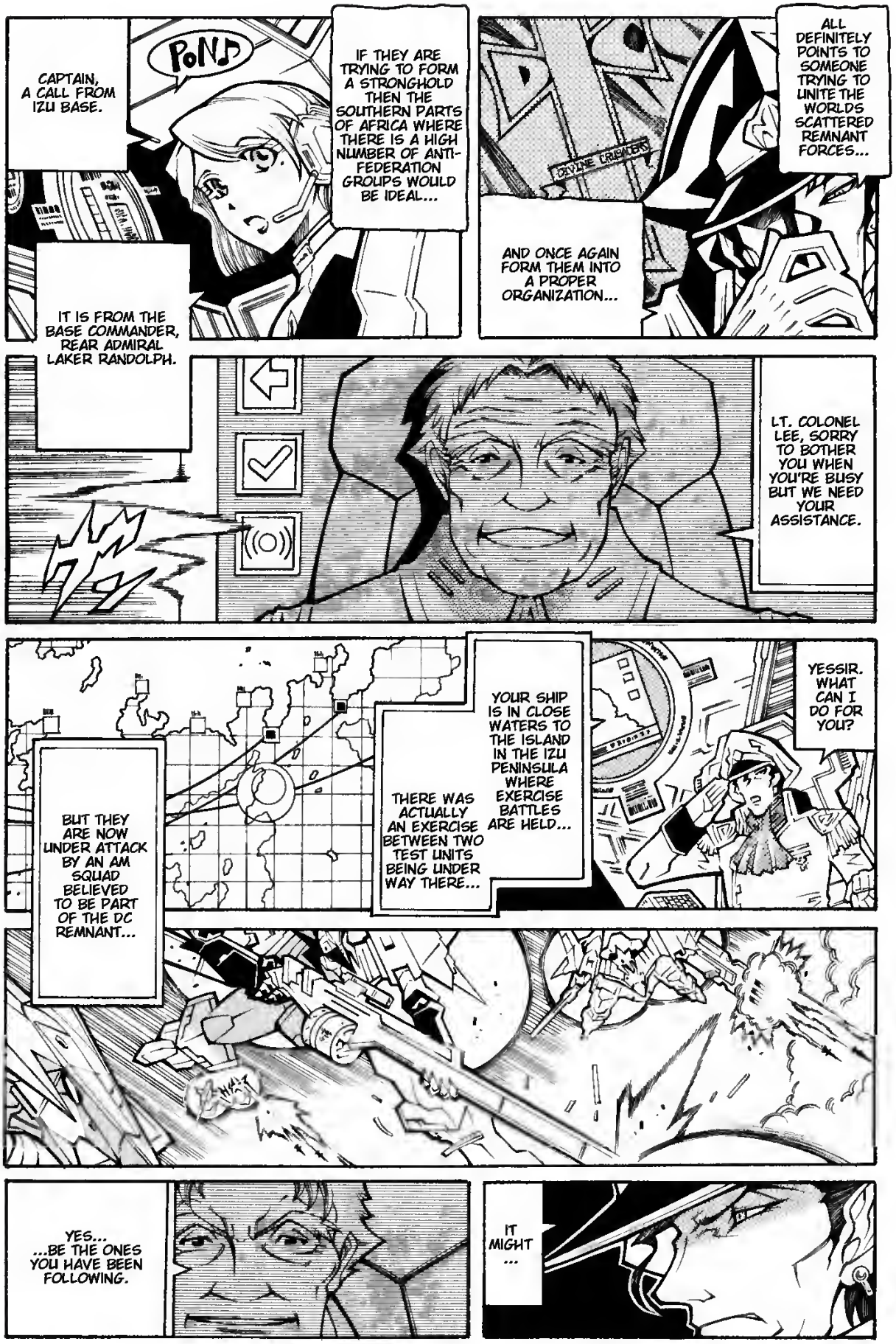
CAPTAIN, A CALL FROM IZU BASE.
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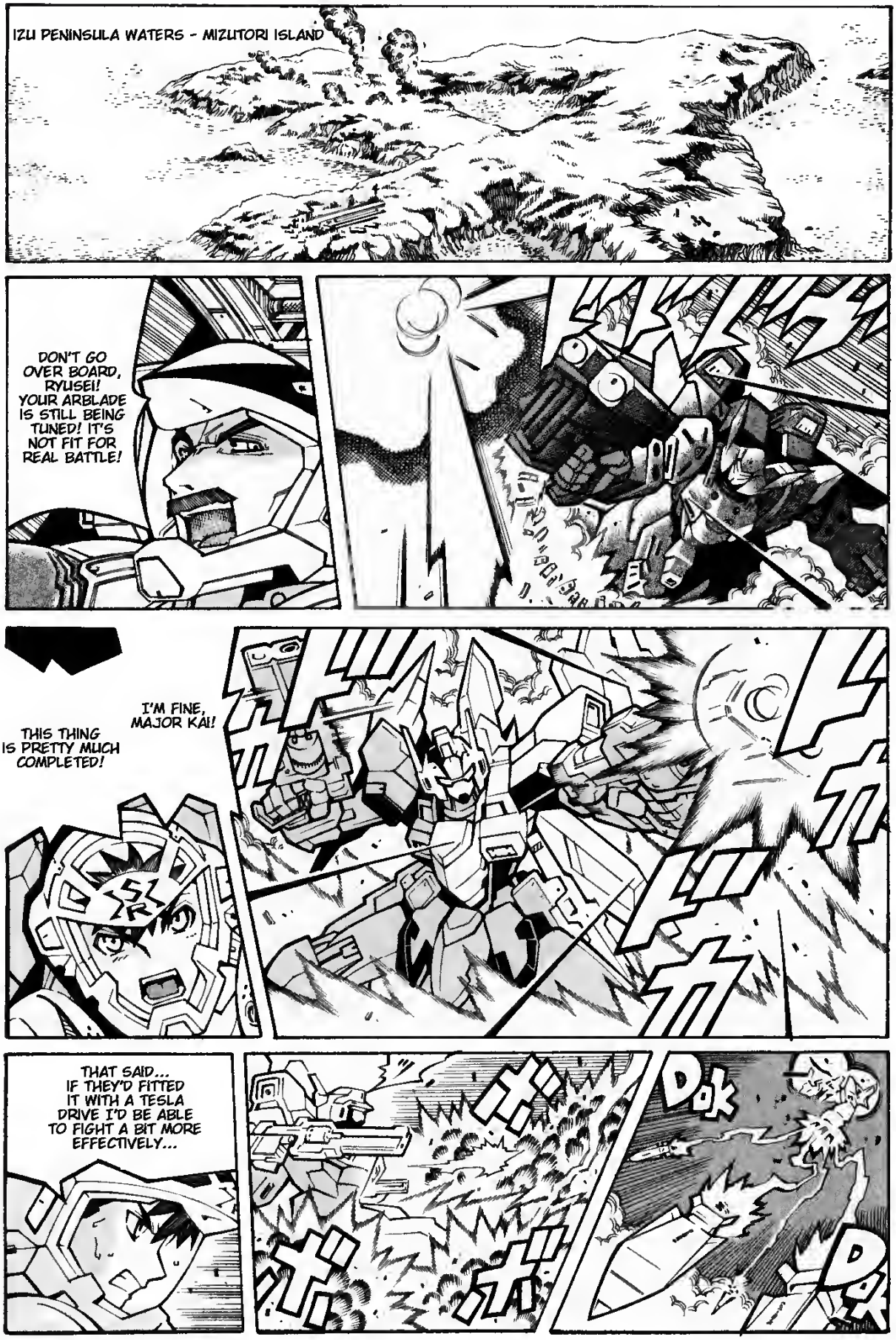
IF THEY ARE TRYING TO FORM A STRONGHOLD THEN THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF AFRICA WHERE THERE IS A HIGH NUMBER OF ANTI-FEDERATION GROUPS WOULD BE IDEAL...
IT IS FROM THE BASE COMMANDER, REAR ADMIRAL LAKER RANDOLPH.
DIVINE CRUSADERS
ALL DEFINITELY POINTS TO SOMEONE TRYING TO UNITE THE WORLDS SCATTERED REMNANT FORCES...
AND ONCE AGAIN FORM THEM INTO A PROPER ORGANIZATION...
LT. COLONEL LEE, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WHEN YOU'RE BUSY BUT WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE.
YESSIR. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
YOUR SHIP IS IN CLOSE WATERS TO THE ISLAND IN THE IZU PENINSULA WHERE EXERCISE BATTLES ARE HELD...
THERE WAS ACTUALLY AN EXERCISE BETWEEN TWO TEST UNITS BEING UNDER WAY THERE...
BUT THEY ARE NOW UNDER ATTACK BY AN AM SQUAD BELIEVED TO BE PART OF THE DC REMNANT...
YES... ...BE THE ONES YOU HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING.
IT MIGHT ...


IZU PENINSULA WATERS - MIZUTORI ISLAND
DON'T GO OVER BOARD, RYUSEI! YOUR ARBLADE IS STILL BEING TUNED! IT'S NOT FIT FOR REAL BATTLE!
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I'M FINE, MAJOR KAI!
THIS THING IS PRETTY MUCH COMPLETED!
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THAT SAID... IF THEY'D FITTED IT WITH A TESLA DRIVE I'D BE ABLE TO FIGHT A BIT MORE EFFECTIVELY...
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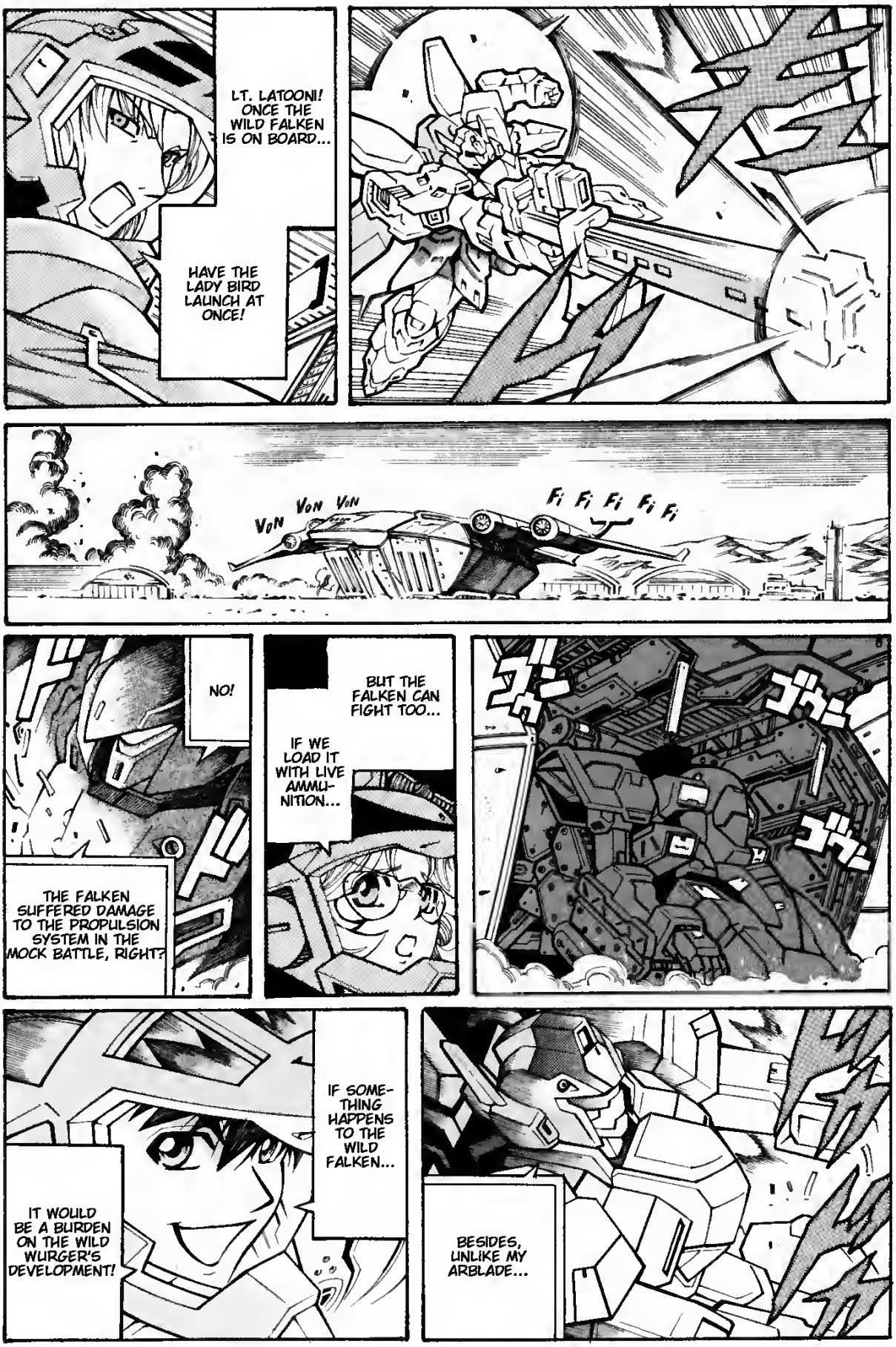
LT. LATOONI! ONCE THE WILD FALKEN IS ON BOARD...
HAVE THE LADY BIRD LAUNCH AT ONCE!
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NO!
THE FALKEN SUFFERED DAMAGE TO THE PROPULSION SYSTEM IN THE MOCK BATTLE, RIGHT?
BUT THE FALKEN CAN FIGHT TOO...
IF WE LOAD IT WITH LIVE AMMU-NITION...
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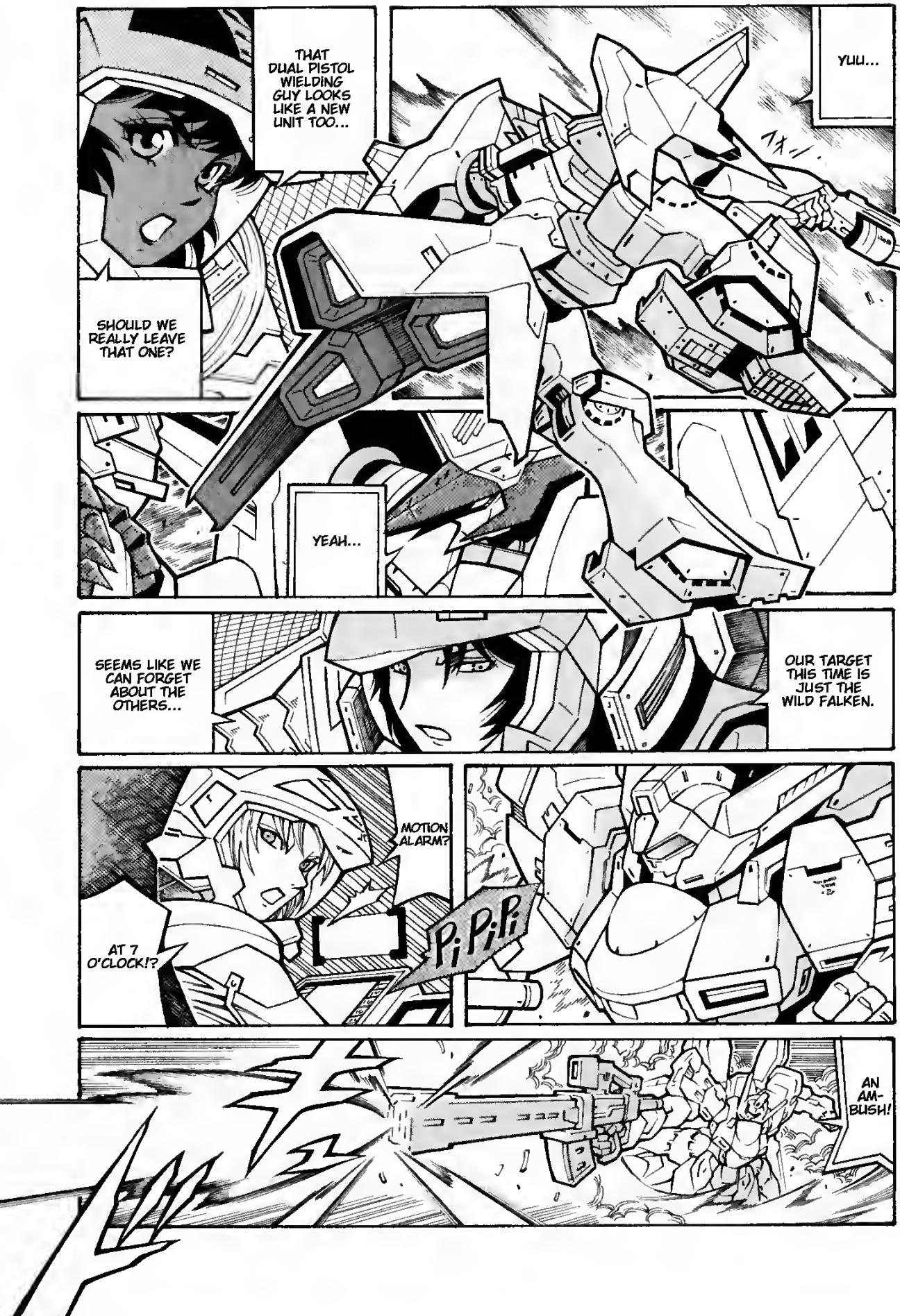
IT WOULD BE A BURDEN ON THE WILD WURGER'S DEVELOPMENT!
IF SOME-THING HAPPENS TO THE WILD FALKEN...
BESIDES, UNLIKE MY ARBLADE...


THAT DUAL PISTOL WIELDING GUY LOOKS LIKE A NEW UNIT TOO...
YUU...
SHOULD WE REALLY LEAVE THAT ONE?
YEAH...
SEEMS LIKE WE CAN FORGET ABOUT THE OTHERS...
OUR TARGET THIS TIME IS JUST THE WILD FALKEN.
MOTION ALARM?
AT 7 O'CLOCK!?
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AN AM-BUSH!

UWAH!
THEY FOUND ME!!
I CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE BECAUSE OF THE BOOSTER...
I-I'M SORRY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ARADO!?
I THINK EVERYTHING WENT ALRIGHT ON HER END...
WHAT ABOUT SEOLLA?
SEEMS IT MADE AN EFFECT ON THE WATER'S SURFACE...
ROGER!
JEEZ... GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO BE A PART OF THE DIVERSION TOO!

VOOM
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NOW, WHILE IT'S STILL POWERED UP...
THAT UNIT...
LET'S DO THIS!

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